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SUBJECT: PROPOSED U.S. VISIT OF FRENCH SENATE VICE
PRESIDENT ETIENNE DAILLY

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1. SENATOR ETIENNE DAILLY HAS INFORMED THIS EMBASSY
THAT THE DATES OF HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO THE UNITED
STATES ARE NOW DEFINITELY SET FOR FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH
FEBRUARY 7. THE OVERALL PURPOSE OF DAILLY'S TRIP TO
AMERICA IS TO HIGHLIGHT FRANCO/AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP
IN THE YEAR OF THE UNITED STATES' BICENTENNIAL. HE
DECLARES THE FIVE MAIN GOALS OF HIS TRIP TO BE AS
FOLLOWS:

A) HE WISHES TO WORK TOWARDS THE CREATION IN THE
AMERICAN SENATE OF A BODY SIMILAR TO THE FRANCO/AMERICAN
FRIENDSHIP GROUP IN THE FRENCH SENATE. SENATOR
DAILLY SPOKE AT LENGTH WITH SENATOR HUMPHREY (DURING
HIS RECENT TRIP TO PARIS) AND SENATOR HUMPHREY OFFERED
HIS ASSISTANCE IN HELPING TO SET UP SUCH A BODY.
THUS, SENATOR HUMPHREY WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE MAIN
POINT OF CONTACT FOR DAILLY'S TRIP. WITH THIS IN MIND,
DAILLY ALSO HOPES TO MEET OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
STATES SENATE EQUALLY DISPOSED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
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FORMATION OF A FRENCH/AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP GROUP IN THE

UNITED STATES SENATE.

B) IT WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH WITH VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, THE DATE OF A CEREMONY AT WHICH A FRENCH DELEGATION WOULD COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE TO THE U.S. SENATE THE GIFT OF A COPY OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS SENT TO LAFAYETTE, AND HELD TO THIS DATE BY LAFAYETTE'S DESCENDENTS HERE IN FRANCE. HE WOULD ALSO GIVE A PERSONALIZED GIFT BOX CONTAINING DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE FRENCH SENATE TO EVERY AMERICAN SENATOR. DAILLY HOPES THAT THIS CEREMONY WOULD TAKE PLACE SOME TIME IN MAY SHORTLY BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING.

C) DAILLY WOULD ALSO WISH TO REPLY TO THE INVITATION THAT CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER MADE TO HIM DURING THE LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO PARIS. DAILLY HIMSELF HAS NOT SPECIFIED HOW HE HOPES TO INCLUDE CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER IN HIS PROGRAM WHILE HE (DAILLY) IS IN WASHINGTON.

D) DAILLY ALSO WANTS TO MEET CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY THOSE SUSCEPTIBLE TO FRIENDSHIP WITH FRANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMINDING THEM OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE FRENCH/AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP GROUP IN THE FRENCH SENATE AND TO ASSURE THEM OF THE KIND RECEPTION THEY WILL ALWAYS FIND IN

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FRANCE.

E) FINALLY, DAILLY WISHES TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF TWINNING THE TOWN OF NEMOURS, OF WHICH HE IS MAYOR' WITH THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, WHERE DUPONT-DE-NEMOURS BUILT IN 1802 HIS FIRST FACTORY. HE THEREFORE WISHES TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY CONTACTS WITH THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF WILMINGTON AND RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS OF THE DUPONT FACTORY ITSELF OR WITH THE DUPONT FAMILY.

2. ETIENNE DAILLY, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH SENATE, AND PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE FRANCO/AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP GROUP, IS AN INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN FRENCH POLITICS. SUCH AMBITIOUS PROJECTS AS HIS ARE NOT AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE IN FRANCE. IN RECENT MONTHS HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN OVERT MANIFESTATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES. THUS' THE ENTHUSIASM OF AN IMPORTANT POLITICIAN SUCH AS DAILLY IS WELCOME.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT'S HELP IN ASSISTING SENATOR DAILLY TO FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS WOULD ENTAIL NOT ONLY CONTACTING SENATOR HUMPHREY'S OFFICE, BUT ALSO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE, THE MAYOR'S
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OFFICE OF WILMINGTON, EXECUTIVES IN THE DUPONT FACTORY AND MEMBERS OF THE DUPONT FAMILY AND WHATEVER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHOM DEPARTMENT FEELS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DAILLY'S PROJECTS. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER DAILLY WOULD BE TRAVELING ALONE OR ACCOMPANIED. AT ANY RATE, HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND WOULD NOT NEED AN INTERPRETER.
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